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FORUMS

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1. WE BRIEFED FRG OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AID MINISTRY AND CHANCELLORY ON USG POLICY ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA, AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A. IN TURN WE WERE BRIEFED IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE PROBABLE RESPONSE TO SECGENERAL WALDHEIM, A RESPONSE WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE JUNE 25 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

2. ONE FRG OFFICIAL SAID HE THINKS THERE WILL BE A LETTER OF RESPONSE, VERY GENERAL IN NATURE, SIGNED BY GENSCHER AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF ALL EC MEMBERS. HE SAID IT WOULD AVOID ANY COMMENT ON THE MEANS BY WHICH THE FUNDS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AND ANY COMMENTS ON WHICH COUNTRIES MIGHT RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION, I.E., THE FORMER FRENCH COLONIES. HE EXPECTS THE RESPONSE TO BE ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN THE LAST PART OF PARA 4 OF REFTEL A. MOST EC MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD ALSO INDIVIDUALLY RESPOND TO SECGENL. ONE AID MINISTRY OFFICIAL DOUBTED THAT, SHOULD THE EC AGREE TO A \$500 MILLION LEVEL, ANY EC COUNTRY WOULD OFFER MORE INDIVIDUALLY. IN PASSING, A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD US THE FRG HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL ON GROUNDS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE USG. HE SAID FOR THAT REASON THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL FRG RESPONSE TO THE SPECIAL FUND SUGGESTION.

3. ANY EC RESPONSE TO WALDHEIM'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM WOULD CONTAIN CERTAIN CONDITIONS. FIRST, THE EC CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, I.E., THE UNITED STATES AT \$750 MILLION (A FIGURE MENTIONED BY PREBISCH DURING HIS JUNE 8-9 VISIT TO BONN) AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. SECOND, THE \$500 MILLION EC CONTRIBUTION (PRIMARILY IN CASH) IS DIRECTLY TIED TO A TOTAL \$3 BILLION CONTRIBUTION. SHOULD THE CONTRIBUTION NOT REACH THE \$3 BILLION LEVEL, THE EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE REDUCED PROPORTIONATELY, SO THAT THE EC SHARE WOULD REMAIN AT ONE-SIXTH OF THE TOTAL.

4. ONE AID MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THE EC'S RESPONSE MAY NOT SPECIFICALLY REFER TO A \$500 MILLION CONTRIBUTION. HE CHARACTERIZED THIS AS HAVING NO SUBSTANTIVE MEANING SINCE THERE IS ALREADY A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT ON THE LEVELS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' OR

ORGANIZATIONS' CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS THAT THE FRG IS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE DURING THE UPCOMING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DELIBERATIONS. NONE OF OUR SOURCES WOULD OFFICIALY CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG WAS READY TO LIFT ITS RESERVATION TO EC PARTICIPATION IN THE FUND ALTHOUGH THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT IN THE AID MINISTRY AND FOREIGN OFFICE FOR FRG AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE SCENARIO OUTLINED ABOVE WILL PROVIDE FOR A GENERAL RESPONSE WITH SUFFICIENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE EC, WHILE MAKING A MOVE, WILL NOT TAKE A STEP WHICH WOULD PUT THE EC VERY FAR OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS. HILLENBRAND

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